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1. Between 13 and 19 September 1952,

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to increase the railroad coal stocks to a 60-day supply.

measures

2. The Erfurt and Magdeburg Railroad Districts and the area of the Wittenberg Railroad Subdistrict Office will not be affected by these scheduled measures. The railroad agencies concerned have been ordered to report their maximum coal storage facilities and coal stocks on hand. The coal storage operation will be started without delay. It is planned to establish reserves of 480,000 tons of hard coal and lignite briquettes respectively.

Comment. The coal stocks on hand on 5 September amounted to a 13.3-day supply. The above operation would increase the coal reserves by 400 to 500 percent. The establishment of the extensive coal reserves envisaged will meet with difficulties, because the coal storage facilities of the East German railroads are estimated to hold a 25 to 30-day supply at the most.

1. Comment: Since the coal consumption of the East German railroads is estimated at about 20,000 tons per day, the figure of 960,000 tons for hard coal and lignite briquettes appears to fall considerably short of the quantity needed for a 60-day supply.

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